

Complete Streets Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

January 29, 2015

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Capitol Commons Building

Present:

Frank Raha (for Kirk Steudle), John Niemela, Suzanne Schulz, Gary Piotrowicz, Megan Olds, Karen Kafantaris, and Steve DeBrabander

Not Present:

Lynn Afendoulis, Carolyn Grawi, Rory Neuner, Christopher White, Lt. Gary Megge, Jim Tischler, Rob Bacigalupi, Andrea Brown, Ken Fletcher and Akia Burnett

Welcome

Chairperson Suzanne Schulz called the meeting to order at 2:16 pm and welcomed everyone to the Complete Streets Advisory Council (CSAC) meeting. Suzanne informed the group that there would be a public comment period at the beginning, as well as at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to speak were asked to fill out a public comment card and return it to a staff member. Suzanne also stated that there was a conference line available for those who would like to listen to the proceedings by phone. Public comments can also be received by email at MDOT-CompletestreetsAC@michigan.gov. Members of council introduced themselves. New member, Akia Burnett, is replacing Rochelle Hurst.

Approval of Minutes

No Quorum to vote on December 4, 2014 draft minutes.

Correspondence

Ann Constance, Director of the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network, provided a letter to the CSAC regarding an application for a Michigan Department Community Health grant, which called for enhanced work on transportation plans that included walking. She wanted to know if Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) had any goals that included walkability in bike friendly communities. The Superior Region responded citing MDOT's current initiatives, collaborative efforts and their perspectives on Complete Streets and healthy living. They also offered to assemble a letter of support with her application. The correspondence is included in the packet.

Public Comment

No comments at this time

Presentation on Transportation Revenue and Ballot Proposal

Frank Raha, Director of Office of Government Affairs & Adviser to State Transportation Commission for the Michigan, Michigan Department of Transportation, made an informational presentation on the legislation enacted in December that will prompt a statewide ballot referendum in May. The complete presentation will be posted to www.michigan.gov/completestreets.

For Reality Check and MDOT Communication Tools: www.michigan.gov/roadfunding;
www.michigan.gov/realitycheck

Discussion

The group discussed how best to communicate this information to constituents.

Wrap-Up

The CSAC requested another letter to disband be submitted to the new legislature. A copy of the letter was provided.

Public Comment

None at this time.

Adjournment

Next meeting will be May 14, 2015 at the call of the Chair. Meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.